(c) and (d) The inflows of Foreign Investment, including investment by FIIs are dependent upon various factors, which include domestic economic conditions, policy regime governing foreign investments, world economic trends and strategy of global investors.

Increase in Trade Channels with Pakistan

†1705. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to open certain more import channels to increase trade with Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when more channels are proposed to be opened; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 4th July, 2001, Hon'ble Prime Minister had instructed Ministry of Commerce and Industry to reduce/eliminate tariff on 50 tariff lines, in order to encourage Pakistan imports into India and Hon'ble Prime Minister had also directed that these lines would be identified and instructions to the effect issued before 15th August 2001.

(c) Does not arise.

Financial assistance to readymade garment complex at Jabalpur

†1706. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether an assistance of Rs. 2 crore is being provided to the proposed readymade garment complex at Jabalpur under critical infrastructure balance scheme;

(b) if so, since when the proposal is pending;

(c) in what manner the 100 per cent export from the above complex has been ensured; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) by when the construction of the above complex will be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Free Trade Zone at Kakinada

1707. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to create a Free Trade Zone with world class infrastructure in the Kakinada-Visakhapatnam belt to give a boost to international investment;

(b) if so, whether clearance has been given; and

(c) if not, by when a final decision in this matter will be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) In principle approval has been given for setting up of a Special Economic Zone between Kakinada and Visakhapatnam on the basis of request received from Government of Andhra Pradesh in September, 2000. Formal proposal indicating all details of the project is awaited from the Government of Andhra Pradesh.

Pending Industrial Projects of Maharashtra

1708. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of industrial projects from Maharashtra pending for approval by Government alongwith the reasons therefor;

(b) the details of cost of each industrial project;

(c) whether additional information has been sought from the State Government or organisations concerned; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) to (d) The information is given in the enclosed Statement.